

Building with Purpose

A Labor Day Message



A few days ago we welcomed many new students to our university as well as those who have returned to continue their studies. We labored hard to prepare lectures, organize events, complete projects and to plan for the smooth opening of this new academic year. Without exception, we worked hard, but I hope each of us found simple joy in fitting our responsibilities together with those undertaken by others to create all that is unique about Pepperdine University.

I was standing outside a construction project in another city a few months ago looking at progress underway. I asked a workman what he was building. He said, "I don't know." How sad, I thought, for at Pepperdine we know exactly what we are building: lives for purpose, service, and leadership.

I am proud of that and grateful to be working with you. Daily I pray for you and your service.

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